

# TOWN OF HENLOPEN ACRES — November 2019 Newsletter

Dear Neighbor:

The holidays are a special time of year to give thanks for the many blessings we all enjoy. On behalf of the Commissioners, we want to wish all of you a very Happy Thanksgiving and a wonderful holiday season.

Please consider donating to our *Employee Holiday Fund*. It's a nice way for us to thank our dedicated staff of 14 employees who keep our Town beautiful and safe, including the Maintenance & Streets crew featured on the second page. Donations can be mailed or dropped off at Town Hall.

All the best to you and your family for a joyous and safe holiday season!

Joni Reich, Mayor

## 2018-19 Financial Audit

PKS & Company recently completed its audit of the Town's Financial Statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. The Audit reported total assets of \$3,919,746, with \$2,086,491 in cash and liquid assets. The Town has no long-term debt and there has not been a property tax increase since 2012. For a copy of the full report, please contact Town Hall. We thank the Audit Committee members, Jeff Jacobs, Thom Rinker, and Nathalie McGregor, for their assistance in reviewing the auditor's findings.

## Tree Planting - Ocean Block of Rolling Road

The Town will be planting 24 trees in the easements along the ocean block of Rolling Road in the Fall and Spring. Cypress Tree Care will be doing the planting and worked with residents on the placement and selection of trees, which include: *Red Cedar, Loblolly Pine, Bald Cypress, Willow Oak, Sawtooth Oak, Honey Locust, Black Gum, and Pink Dogwood*. We thank all of the property owners for their cooperation.

## Rentals

The Commissioners appreciate all the comments received on rental properties at the Public Workshop held in October. The sentiment of the Commissioners is to consider a standard of rental activity at or below which would be considered an appropriate use in a residential area, and above which would be deemed an impermissible commercial use of a property. Proposals for the standard may be considered at the January 2020 meeting. If a proposal is adopted by the Commissioners, it will be shared with residents before any final action is taken at a subsequent meeting. In addition, at the November 8, 2019 meeting, the Commissioners approved a requirement that a property comply with the Property Maintenance Ordinance in order to be eligible for an annual rental license.

## One Way Street - Please Take Note!

The left side of the Zwaanendael entrance to the Town (called Crossways) is now a one way road. The change was made due to safety concerns with the narrowness and blind-spot in the curve of the road. Please keep right when entering the Town from Surf Avenue.

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### **MAYOR:**

Joni Reich

### **Commissioners:**

Andrew Brittingham

Tim Hidell

Frank Jamison

Paddy Richards

John Staffier

Richard Thompson

### **Town Manager**

Thomas Roth

### **Town Clerk**

Lisa Michaels

### **Public Works**

Sonny McClure

### **Security**

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### UPCOMING MEETINGS:

**Board of Commissioners**

**Board Meeting**

Friday, November 8 at 10am

### **Quarterly Meeting**

Friday, Jan 10, 2020 at 10am

### **Planning Commission**

As needed

### **Board of Adjustment**

Tuesday December 3 at 1:00pm

### **Tree Committee**

As needed

## **TOWN HALL HOLIDAY CLOSINGS:**

**Monday November 11**

Veteran's Day

**Thurs/Friday Nov 28 & 29**

Thanksgiving Holiday

**Wednesday December 25**

Christmas Day

**Wednesday January 1, 2020**

New Years Day

### Toys for Tots

We are partnering with the Marine Corps League to provide toys for local children to enjoy this Christmas. Please drop off at Town Hall any NEW & UNWRAPPED toys for kids 10 years and under by December 6th. Thank you for your generosity!

#### **Our Deepest Sympathies to the Family of:**

George (10/1/18) & Evelyn (12/1/18) Christopher  
8 Dodds Lane

#### Welcome to our new property owners

**John Klein & John Stump-Sharps, VA**  
76 Pine Reach

**Roger Warin-Arlington, VA**  
26 Tidewaters

**Garrett & Patricia Lyons-Wilmington, DE**  
7 Broad Hollow

**John Carbone-Rehoboth Beach, DE**  
99 Tidewaters

#### Dune Grass Planting

In March 2020, Block W and the Beach Club will participate in the State of Delaware's 31st annual beach grass planting. Please contact Lisa Michaels at Town Hall if you are willing to help plant the grass seedlings to maintain our precious dunes.

Would you like to receive Town alerts and meeting information by email? Please email Lisa at [townclerk@henlopenacres.com](mailto:townclerk@henlopenacres.com) to be put on the notification list.

### Fall/Winter Reminders

Property owners are responsible to clear their lot of fallen leaves and debris. Please remember to separate your debris into TWO piles - leaves in one pile & branches and sticks in another pile.

We CANNOT pick up large branches (over 4 inches wide), tree stumps, clumps of dirt, or bamboo. Please make sure yard debris is piled on the easement in front of your home and NOT on the roadway.

Very large amounts of debris/leaves taking more than 15 minutes to pick up will be billed to the property owner.

PLEASE remember to winterize your outdoor shower, as the Town loses thousands of gallons of water each Winter from preventable water leaks.

#### Irrigation Systems

Please note that irrigation systems require a separate well and may not be connected to the Town water supply.

Irrigation heads may not be placed on the front easement, which extends approximately 20 feet from the street.

Please call Town Hall prior to installing an irrigation system if you have any questions.

#### Marina

The Town continues to work with State and Federal agencies to seek an environmentally beneficial solution to our Marina silting problem. We will keep you advised of our progress.

### SPOTLIGHT ON OUR EMPLOYEES

We are very fortunate to have a dedicated Maintenance staff who keep our streets clean, the grass cut, the snow shoveled, the Marina running smoothly, and our Water Plant functioning safely:

**Sonny McClure** - 28 Years of Service  
Supervisor/Certified Water Operator

**Rob Thompson** - 19 Years of Service  
Leaf Vacuum Operator/ Landscaper

**Charlie Streacker** - 21 Years of Service  
Grass Cutter/Maintenance

**Bob Ribinsky** - 8 Years of Service  
Certified Water Operator/Tree Maintenance

